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## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: May 28, 2015

FR: Adam Crenshaw

RE: Review of the Regional Conformity Status for New and Revised Projects

Staff has prepared the following information in an effort to streamline the review of the regional air quality conformity implications of projects that staff proposes to revise or add into the 2015 TIP through current or future revisions. This item is for advisory purposes only. The inclusion of these projects and project changes in a proposed revision to the TIP is subject to Commission approval in the case of amendments and MTC's Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director in the case of administrative modifications. The final determination of the regional air quality conformity status of these projects will be made by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency as part of their review of proposed final TIP amendments and by the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director as part of their review for TIP administrative modifications. Staff is not requesting a review of the project-level air quality conformity implications of these projects through this item. Details of each project and category of projects under review is as follows:

### Proposed Revision to the Regionally Non-Exempt Vacaville Intermodal Station Phase II Project

The Vacaville Intermodal Station – Phase II project (SOL110009) is currently included in the 2015 TIP as a project constructing a 400 space parking garage. After conducting feasibility studies for the project, the project sponsor has determined that fewer parking spaces are needed and is requesting that the scope of the project be changed to a 136 space surface parking lot. The current and proposed project descriptions are as follows:

**Current Project Description:** In Vacaville: Construction of a three to four story, approximately 400 space, parking garage.

**Current Expanded Project Description:** In Vacaville: Construction of a three to four story, approximately 400 space, parking garage. Improvements include associated lighting, landscaping, and a photovoltaic system to serve the adjacent bus transfer facility and park and ride lot.

**Proposed Project Description:** In Vacaville: Construction of approximately 136 space surface parking lot.

**Proposed Expanded Project Description:** In Vacaville: Construction of an approximately 136 space parking lot. Improvements include associated lighting, landscaping, and accompanying construction activities.

As both the current and proposed scope of the project cannot be classified under the project types included under 40 CFR 93.126 and 40 CFR 93.127, the project has been and will remain classified in the TIP as non-exempt from regional air quality conformity. However, since the regional travel model used in conducting the regional air quality conformity analysis only

captures whether or not a transit station has associated parking and does not currently capture the number of parking spaces associated with a transit station, this change in the scope of the project will not impact the results of the regional air quality conformity analysis. As such, staff is requesting the Task Force's concurrence that incorporating this change in scope into the 2015 TIP will not require an update to the conformity analysis.

#### New Projects in Amendment 15-11 Not Previously Reviewed by the Task Force

At its April 23, 2015, meeting the Task Force reviewed a list of new projects that staff proposed to include in future TIP revisions, including TIP Amendment 15-11. Subsequent to the April Task Force meeting, additional new projects were added to Amendment 15-11. This amendment was then approved by the Commission at its May 27, 2015 meeting.

#### New Projects Staff is Proposing to Include in Future Revisions

Staff has also received requests from sponsors to add one new project to the TIP and to split an existing individual project into two through future TIP revisions other than 15-11. Please note that the addition of individually listed projects to the TIP requires a TIP amendment or update, while splitting an existing project may be done through an administrative modification, if the action meets the requirements of the FSTIP/FTIP Administrative Modifications and Amendments Procedures.

Attachment A includes both a list of new projects that the Commission included in proposed amendment 15-11, which were not included in the Task Force's April 23 review, and a list of new and split projects proposed for future revisions. The attachment also includes the regional air quality category that staff believes best describes the projects.